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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a method of preventing stroke or reducing the risk of stroke in a patient in need thereof, especially in a patient at risk for a stroke or a secondary stroke, using dipyridamole in combination with acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) and an angiotensin II antagonist, corresponding pharmaceutical compositions, and the use of dipyridamole for the manufacture of a corresponding pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination of dipyridamole, acetyl salicylic acid and an angiotensin II antagonist.

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